

**Document: Veterinary Agreement  
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**Veterinarian Agreement for Participation in Morris Animal Foundation's  
Golden Retriever Lifetime Study**

Thank you for participating in Morris Animal Foundation's Golden Retriever Lifetime Study (hereinafter referred to as "Study"). As a veterinarian, your contribution to this Study is pivotal to its success. Your client, a Golden Retriever owner, will rely on you to provide annual health status information and sample collection for the Study dog (including completion of initial screening requirements) and information for all health events that require additional veterinary visits. It is important that you understand what will be required of you. Please read each of the following statements. You must agree with all statements to participate in the Study.

- ✓ I am currently licensed and in good standing in the state in which I practice.
- ✓ I understand that I must have a current and valid email address that I will check regularly during the course of this Study.
- ✓ I agree to perform a complete health history and examination on the Study dog each year and to report my findings online through the Study website using the appropriate Study health examination form.
- ✓ I agree that for each additional veterinary visit for the Study dog, I will report my findings online through the Study website using the Additional Veterinary Visit form.
- ✓ I understand that by reporting my findings on the Study dog, I will be releasing this information per my client's agreement with Morris Animal Foundation.
- ✓ I agree to collect biological samples from the Study dog, such as blood, urine, feces, hair, toenail clippings and tumor tissue (when applicable), following the directions provided.
- ✓ I agree to immediately pack and ship the biological samples in the supplied postage-paid packaging to the participating laboratories (Antech Diagnostics, Fisher Bioservices and Mars Veterinary), as instructed by Morris Animal Foundation.
- ✓ I understand that my contact information will be provided to Antech Diagnostics to facilitate transmission of test results (e.g., CBC, serum chemistry, T4, heartworm antigen, urinalysis and fecal analysis) for inclusion in the Study dog's medical record and communication with the owner.
- ✓ I understand that the owner is responsible for all costs associated with the annual examination, sample collection and laboratory tests, and that Morris Animal Foundation will reimburse the owner directly for up to \$75 of these costs per year after verification that the questionnaire, veterinary examination, sample collection and laboratory analysis have been completed. I further understand that Morris Animal Foundation will, at its discretion, also reimburse owners up to a maximum of \$500 in total to pay for procedures required for the diagnosis of cancer (e.g., histopathology or necropsy).

- ✓ I understand that, although Morris Animal Foundation agrees to reimburse the dog owner for annual examinations and certain preapproved procedures, as the dog's veterinarian I am solely responsible for providing veterinary services to the dog owner.
- ✓ I agree that, in the case of suspected malignant tumors, I will collect tumor and normal tissue samples from the Study dog (according to specified instructions) and will ship those samples to the Study laboratories for histopathology and storage.
- ✓ I understand that, at the end of the Study dog's life, the dog owner will be encouraged to permit a necropsy on the Study dog and that I will either perform the procedure myself or refer the dog owner to a veterinary pathologist at a local veterinary teaching hospital for this procedure.
- ✓ I understand that I may withdraw my participation in the Golden Retriever Lifetime Study for any reason but I should notify the dog owner and the Golden Retriever Lifetime Study Team at least 30 days in advance so that another veterinarian can be recruited.
- ✓ I give permission to publish my name and clinic information as a participating veterinarian for all Study-related publications and acknowledgment in professional journals.
- ✓ I understand that, during the application process, I will be required to provide my professional opinion on the dog's eligibility for enrollment in the Study based on specific health criteria. Final decision for enrollment will be determined by the Golden Retriever Lifetime Study Team.
- ✓ I hereby agree to perform all activities (including, without limitation, physical examination, sample collection, record keeping and other similar activities) with respect to the Study in a good scientific manner and in accordance with all applicable professional standards.
- ✓ I hereby donate, assign and transfer all information collected regarding samples (e.g., blood, urine, feces, hair, toenail clippings and tissue samples) obtained from the Study dog to Morris Animal Foundation. I understand and agree that any future use or distribution of these samples will be within the sole direction and authority of Morris Animal Foundation. I authorize Morris Animal Foundation to provide any researchers receiving a portion of these samples with all necessary information, including, without limitation, pedigree and health history of the Study dog.
- ✓ I hereby relinquish all rights to, and ownership of, the information and samples obtained from the Study dog. I will not claim any right to or ownership of any information or intellectual property rights arising from the Study, and I acknowledge that neither I nor my heirs will gain financially from any discoveries, whether or not of a commercial nature, made using the information or samples provided.

I hereby certify that I have read this entire form and understand it completely. I understand and agree that by clicking "Accept" I am signing this form and thereby providing informed consent for participation in this Study. [*Note: If you choose not to participate in this Study, please select "Decline" and you will not be required to provide any additional information.*]

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